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SUBJECT: POLISH JOURNALISTS AND CARAVAN USA TOUR

1. MISS CAROLYN BENNETT PATTERSON, SENIOR ASSISTANT EDITOR OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, WHO IS NOW IN WARSAW WITH A GROUP OF AMERICAN TRAVEL WRITERS, REQUESTED THAT WE ASK YOU IF THERE IS SPACE FOR ONE OR TWO POLISH JOURNALISTS ON THE WALLY BYAM TOUR NUMBER THREE LEAVING SAN DIEGO ON MAY 10. ON HER OWN INITIATIVE, SHE HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH SEVERAL POLISH JOURNALISTS.

2. WE EARLIER EXPLORED THIS PROJECT AND DETERMINED THAT THE POLES COULD NOT AFFORD THE SUBSTANTIAL HARD-CURRENCY EXPENDITURES REQUIRED FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS. WE STILL HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT EITHER AMERICAN OR POLISH SOURCES WILL FUND THESE COSTS.

3. WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE POLISH JOURNALISTS PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOUR, BUT FEAR THAT MISS PATTERSON'S ENCOURAGEMENT MAY LEAD THE POLES TO EXPECT GREATER FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAN IN FACT IS AVAILABLE. WE HAVE NO MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT.

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4. MISS PATTERSON IS VERY UNHAPPY WITH WHAT SHE REGARDS AS THE

UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE EMBASSY TOWARDS THIS PROJECT. SHE
THREATENS TO "TELEPHONE USIA IN WASHINGTON."
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